

Brandywine, PA — On Saturday, July 7th, Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) attended Brandywine's "Big Bang" Barbeque in the Brandywine Valley. Joe will be there at about noon. Events will take place on July 7th and 8th at the six wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail. Each winery will host wine tastings, vineyard and cellar tours, live music, art shows, evening concerts, special events, and outdoor cooking from pig roasts and barbeque ribs to rotisserie chicken and grilled "Meats of Independence." The full list of events can be found at [http://www.bvwinetrail.com/Big\\_Bang\\_BBQ\\_2007.pdf](http://www.bvwinetrail.com/Big_Bang_BBQ_2007.pdf)

— "I look forward to the opportunity to spend time with people in the community as we celebrate our Nation's 231st birthday," said Joe, "I am proud to represent the people of the Pennsylvania's Seventh District in the U.S. Congress. Events like this one allow me to hear directly from my constituents and listen to their concerns."

Joe's attendance was part of his efforts to reach out to constituents at local events to hear their concerns. In his conversations, Joe has heard and spoke on many of the issues that are important to him and his constituents, including the war in Iraq, veterans' issues, and health care. He Since taking office in January he has also launched a program, called "Congress on Your Corner" where he brings his office out of Washington, DC and directly to the District. Additionally, he has been attending many similar events and spent the Fourth of July at parades, fireworks and other celebrations around the District.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.